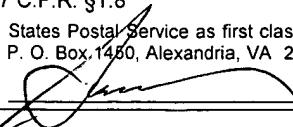




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Appln. No.: 09/885,871

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- Request for Reconsideration of the Patent Term Adjustment (in dup.); check for \$200 for Request fee
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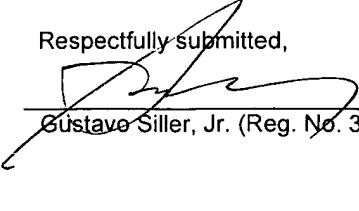
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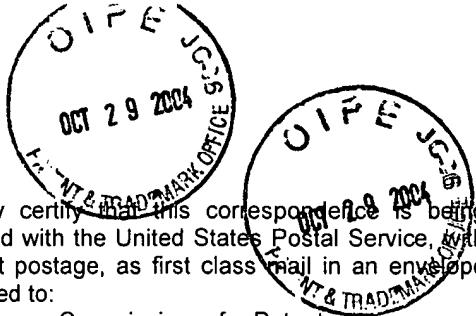
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d)

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Dear Sir:

A Notice of Allowance for the above identified application was mailed on September 23, 2004, with a published term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b) of 268 days. For the reasons stated herein, reconsideration of this patent term adjustment is respectfully requested.

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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b) is requested. A Notice of Allowance with a term adjustment of 268 days was mailed on September 23, 2004, and a copy of the Notification is included herewith as Exhibit A. Correction of the patent term adjustment to add days to the patent term as shown below is respectfully requested. A fee charge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(e) is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

The patent term adjustment for U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/885,871 is calculated as shown below. Dates are specified based on the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system Patent Term Adjustment History, attached as Exhibit B. Please note that the corresponding to be issued U.S. Patent is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

Period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)

The period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a) is the number of days in the period beginning on the day ("the 14 month date") after that date that is fourteen months after the date on which the application was filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) and ending on the date of mailing or either an action under 35 U.S.C. § 132 or a notice of allowance under 35 U.S.C. § 151, whichever comes first.

The present application was filed on June 20, 2001. The 14 month date specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a) is August 20, 2002. The first PTO action was a Non-Final Rejection mailed July 18, 2003. The difference between the 14 month date and the date of mailing of the notice of allowance is 332 days.

Period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b)

The period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b) is the number of days in the period beginning on the day ("the 3 year date") after the date that is three years after the date on which the application was filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a).

The present application was filed on June 20, 2001. The 3 year date specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b) is June 20, 2004. The Notice of allowance was mailed on September 23, 2004. The difference between the 3 year date and the Notice date is 95 days.

Reduction in period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704

With respect to the grounds for adjustment set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(a)-(e), an applicant is deemed to have failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application for the cumulative total of any periods or time in excess of three months that are taken to reply to any notice or action by the Office. Any such three month period is measured from the date the notice or action was mailed to the applicant. The period of adjustment set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days beginning on the day ("the 3 month date") after the date that is three months after the date of mailing of the Office communication.

In the present application, a Non-Final Office Action was mailed on November 10, 2003. The 3 month date for this communication is February 10, 2004. A Response to the Office Action was received by the Office on March 1, 2004, so the reduction in period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b) is 20 days.

Reduction in period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704

With respect to the grounds for adjustment set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(c) (7), an applicant is deemed to have failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application also include submission of a reply having an omission (1.35(c)) in which case the period of adjustment set forth in 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date the reply having an omission was filed and ending on the date that the reply or other paper correcting the omission was filed.

In the present application, a Non-Responsive Amendment was mailed on March 1, 2003. A complete Responsive Amendment was received by the Office on April 12, 2004, so the reduction in period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(c) is 42 days.

Reduction in period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704

With respect to the grounds for adjustment set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(a)-(e), an applicant is deemed to have failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application for the cumulative total of any periods or time in excess of three months that are taken to reply to any notice or action by the Office. Any such three month

period is measured from the date the notice or action was mailed to the applicant. The period of adjustment set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days beginning on the day ("the 3 month date") after the date that is three months after the date of mailing of the Office communication.

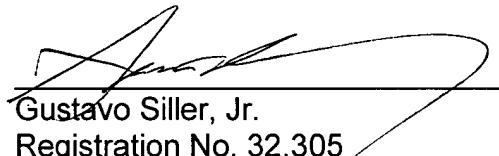
In the present application, a Final Office Action was mailed on May 11, 2004. The 3 month date for this communication is August 11, 2004. A Response to the Office Action was received by the Office on August 13, 2004, so the reduction in period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b) is 2 days.

Total patent term adjustment

For the present application, the total patent term adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(f) is the period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703 reduced under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704. The total adjustment is thus 332 days + 95 days – 20 days – 42 days – 2 days = 363 days.

It is respectfully submitted that in the patent term adjustment determined for U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/885,871, the term was not adjusted to include the 95 day term adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the patent term adjustment for this Patent Application. Office personnel are invited to contact the undersigned attorneys for the Applicant via telephone if such communication would expedite this request.

Respectfully submitted,



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